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TO : Chief of Station []
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DATE: 1 July 1947

SUBJECT: GENERAL: Great Activities
SPECIFIC: ~~Eugenio LIMA~~ ~~ALFACIA & LIMA~~
Ferdinand OTTENFELD (or possibly ~~OTTENFELD~~)
Nikola MIKAN

OF... From 1 July 1947, including
Decade, etc.

References: TBR-124, dated 6 June 1947 (re Eugenio LIMA)
Wash. 4776, dated 27 June 1947 to [] (re LIMA)

1. TICO - Paris Group.

On 2 January 1947, Ferdinand OTTENFELD and Nikola MIKAN were reported (in TBR-105, evaluated 8-0) to be members of the Paris Group of the TICO (TOMACIA ALFA STANISLAW OMIKOLWA (TICO), Secret International Guard Organization, which is the executive body which directs the secret operations of the TICO Group, a secretly conducted on a worldwide scale. It is stated that in every country there is a secret society of the TICO who is known only to special agents carrying out specific missions.

At the time of this 2 January 47 report, the Paris Group, including, in addition to OTTENFELD and MIKAN, Dr. Andrija APTEKALIC (former Minister of the Interior during the Tito-Yugoslav Regime), secretary of the Paris Group, and Stanko Pufeld, a secretary to MIKAN, had been discovered at the Hotel Astor in Paris by the Allied Authorities, and as a consequence the identified members were planning to leave in order to continue their work in locations where they were unknown. OTTENFELD and his wife were reported as leaving for BRAZIL, and MIKAN, for MEXICO via the U.S.

2. Ferdinand OTTENFELD.

According to TBR-1335 of 9 January 47 (unevaluated), OTTENFELD was a close friend of Dr. Vladimír KOLÁK, former Czech Minister of Finance, and is alleged to have deposited in the SWISS in a bank in Fribourg funds of the Great Patriotic War which KOLÁK is reported

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to have absconded during the war. These funds had been used until the date of this report to finance the operations of the Paris Group. This group has dealt mainly in currency on the black market, but its principal function seems to have been helping compromised Ustasha members escape under false names. It is believed that this activity, the illicit transport of arms, etc., brought about the strange working agreement alleged to exist between the Ustasha and UZNA, the Yugoslav State Intelligence Service. (KPL-105)

The OTTERFELZ Organization also had connections with the KRAUS Gang, an undercover outfit working for UZNA and MVD (NKVD) with a widespread network all over Europe.

OTTERFELZ, like the other members of his group, is a Croat; he was born in Zagreb on 8 February 16. Katig (or Kitty), his wife (if he really is married to her) is a German, having been born at Munich on 3 March 1916.

3. Eugen LALA or LAKA... LUKIC

Eugen LALA was reported on 19 July 1946 to be secretary to MAUCEK in Paris. LALA is stated to have had a very bleak past, to be in secret contact with the Yugoslav Legation, and to be an UZNA agent. He is believed to have thoroughly penetrated MACEK, who is said to have been very unfortunate in his choice of secretaries. LALA was sometimes delegated to contact the TPSOU in Paris; through observation the Free National Student Group learned that he was in touch with a Croat in the Yugoslav Legation named ZELA, and that he had made no attempt to contact Croat refugees for some time. In August 1946, LALA is reported from Paris to have edited in German the memoirs of President MAUCEK and to be leaving for Rio de Janeiro to take over the leadership in Croatian emigration to Latin America.

(On 6 Feb. 46, LALA was reported to have a British passport in the name of LUKIC; on 9 March 46, a source stated that LALA had a British passport alleging service in the IS).

4. Miljan MIJAK.

The only additional information on MIJAK is contained in a report of 20 March 1946. It is stated that MIJAK is a Croat businessman from Spain, believed to be Jewish. He, together with Eugen LALA, had been engaged in PES anti-FILO activity in Rome and conducted "certain black market transactions" in gold between Italy and France.

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